

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

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*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

No. 1842

MEXICO, August 5, 1930

### EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor, under instructions from my Government, to inquire whether Your Excellency's Government would desire to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and Mexico, with a view to bringing about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

I am instructed to suggest an arrangement providing for:

(1). The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Mexico of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.

(2). The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

(3). Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge, on behalf of my Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Mr. H. J. Anslinger, whose mail and telegraph address is Acting Commissioner of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

The proposed informal arrangement outlined above has been accepted by the Governments of seventeen countries.

Should the proposed arrangement meet with the approval of Your Excellency's Government, I should be grateful if I might be informed of the name of the Mexican officer with whom Mr. Anslinger should communicate.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

DWIGHT W. MORROW

His Excellency

GENARO ESTRADA,

*Minister for Foreign Affairs,  
Mexico.*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

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MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
UNITED MEXICAN STATES  
MEXICO

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MEXICO, October 2, 1930

MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

With reference to that Embassy's courteous note No. 1842 of August 5th, last, I beg to inform you that the Government of Mexico considers acceptable the proposed arrangement to which said note refers, tending to establish a close cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and Mexico, with a view to bringing about a strict control of the illicit traffic in enervating drugs.

Regarding this matter, the Department of Public Health reports that its own inclination would be to be able to bring about in its entirety the arrangement referred to and to supply all the information which is requested in the matter of illicit traffic; but there will be cases in which it will be impossible to supply such information, due to the fact that the said illicit traffic in drugs is not considered, in all the entities of the country, as a crime, for there are various States in which such acts are considered as transgressions of the administrative regulations and orders, being punishable by fines or by arrests not exceeding fifteen days, and in such cases the information which could be given to the Treasury Department of the United States could not include photographs of the transgressors, fingerprints, Bertillon measurements, and other data which can be furnished only when it in turn can be collected during the course of the corresponding penal procedure; but every effort will be made always to furnish the most complete data, especially in regard to smuggling, with respect to which penal regulations of a Federal character do exist.

At the same time, I beg to inform you that the person designated with whom Mr. H. J. Anslinger of the Treasury Department may communicate,

is Doctor Demetrio López, Chief of the Chemical and Pharmaceutic Service of the Department of Health, who has charge of the branch of narcotics.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my attentive consideration.

J. VASQUEZ SCHIAFFINO

ARTHUR BLISS LANE, Esquire,  
*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the*  
*United States of America.*  
*Present*